

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Disclosure

Claims 156, 159-160, and 180-181 are amended responsive to the Official Action's formal rejections for indefiniteness, as further detailed below.

The amendments find support in the specification and the drawing figures as originally filed.

In particular, the amendment to claim 156 finds support at least in the specification at page 15, lines 20-26; page 21, lines 11-19; page 22, lines 4-10; Figures 1a, 2a, 17c-d (element 4).

The amendments to claims 159 and 180 find support at least in the specification at page 25, lines 3-16.

The amendments to claims 160 and 181 find support at least in the specification at page 26, lines 26-30.

Based at least on the foregoing citations to the specification and the drawing figures, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter.

The amendments are further not believed to impact the scope of the claims

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments provided herein are proper. Entry of the amendments is thereby respectfully requested.

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The Official Action rejected independent claim 156 and dependent claims 159-160 and 180-181 as being indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In response, claims 156, 159-160, and 180-181 are amended in a manner believed to overcome the Official Action's rejections.

In view of the foregoing amendments and supporting subject matter in the specification and the drawing figures, it is respectfully submitted that claims 156, 159-160, and 180-181 are definite in view of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejections under Section 112 is thereby respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that Applicant has fully responded to the November 12, 2010 Official Action and that the claims as presented are patentable. In view of this, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims, as presented, and their early passage to issue.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the attorney for Applicant at the number provided below if the Examiner is of the opinion that further discussion of this case would be helpful in advancing prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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